

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WESTERN DIVISION

NO. 5:19-CR-168-D

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA     )  
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                                  v.     )  
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MITCH HAMILTON PARRISH     )

**ORDER**

On July 14, 2020, the court conducted the sentencing hearing for Defendant's conviction under count one of the indictment for this matter. During the hearing, the court requested the government and Defendant, through his counsel, to draft briefs regarding the application of restitution and special assessments under 18 U.S.C. §§ 2259(A)(a)(1) and 3014, and the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015. The government submitted its brief under Docket Entry 55, and Defendant, through counsel, submitted his brief under Docket Entry 57.

I.


After reviewing the briefs submitted by the parties, the court finds that restitution is no longer sought based on the government's explanation as to an error that lead to requests for restitution that did not apply to this case. See [D.E. 55]. The court also finds that the additional special assessment under 18 U.S.C. § 2259A(a)(1) does not apply since the offense conduct predated the enactment of the controlling statute. See [D.E. 55]. Finally, the court finds that the special assessment under 18 U.S.C. § 3014 is applicable to this case, and Defendant has the resources to pay the

special assessment. See [D.E. 55 and Presentencing Investigative Report, D.E. 44 at ¶¶ 41 and 45].

II.

In sum, the court GRANTS the government's request and ORDERS Defendant to pay a special assessment of \$5,000, as required by 18 U.S.C. § 3014 and the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 13 day of May, 2021.

  
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JAMES C. DEVER, III  
United States District Judge